

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORK SESSION
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 11, 2019

A Work Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the Administration Building Board Room, 111 Laura K Drive, O'Fallon, MO. Director Laughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice of said meeting had been provided at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by posting the meeting time in the case on the outside wall of the Administrative Offices. The following Directors were present: Director Bill Laughlin, and Director Matt Gober. Director Matt Simmons was excused. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vineyard followed by the reading of the Firefighter Prayer.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Sale of the 2007 Ladder Truck. Chief Vineyard stated the East Canada Fire District was holding an election for approval to purchase the 2007 ladder truck, July 16, and we will know the outcome shortly thereafter.

Chief Vineyard reviewed the June 28, 2019 Letter from St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann regarding SB 870. All county emergency services departments received this letter and it was discussed at the recent County chief's Meeting. Mr. Ehlmann is requesting all departments to set their reimbursement rate under Chapters 99, 100, or 353, annually, at 50%, stating that other entities would need to make up the difference for anything set higher than that, i.e., school districts. Chief Vineyard noted that the District is not greatly impacted by this either way due to the absence of this type of commercial construction, and prior to this year was receiving zero percent, so 50% is an improvement. Other county departments are more impacted due to the commercial developments they have in their districts. Discussion held. Chief Vineyard will update the Board after the next County chiefs meeting when this will be more fully discussed prior to requesting a decision.

Chief Vineyard stated that Station #4 needs its solar panels re-installed now that the station renovation is complete, however, the City requires new structural calculations prior to reinstallation that include new system layout and design, electrical line drawings, electrical engineer wet stamp, structural engineer wet stamp and site visit. Schneider Electric quoted \$9,420.00 to accomplish that. Discussion held that the quote seemed high for those services. Fire Marshal Morrison reviewed Schneider Electric's quote, stating he knew of an area Structural Engineer, Joe Strain, that he always uses that would probably cost much less for that service and Director Laughlin requested Mr. Morrison contact him and obtain a quote. Chief Vineyard suggested also obtaining a quote from Box Engineering. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

LABOR MANANGEMENT

Chief Vineyard stated that the Captain's Promotional Process is due to begin. The current list expires this month. He reviewed the process, stating the current policy regarding this is unchanged. The current Captain's Promotional List will remain valid until the new list is approved. This process occurs every 2 years. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve moving forward with the Captain's Promotional Process to establish a 2-year Captain's promotional list, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

- Ayes: (2) Directors Laughlin, and Gober
 - Nays: (0) None
 - Absent: (1) Director Simmons
- Motion declared and carried.

OPERATIONS

Chief Vineyard stated everything is running smoothly. The new Battalion Chief Vehicle's wiring is being worked on and should be in service within the next week.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chief Vineyard said he received a call from a City Councilmember regarding fire-related calls between July 3 and July 7, however, no calls were run in that timeframe. Councilmember Dr. Ottomeyer called him yesterday requesting his opinion of legalizing fireworks in the City. Chief Vineyard stated that personally he had no issue with it, but the Fire District could not endorse it. Discussion held.

The Random Drug test envelope was opened and the Board and Chief Vineyard shown the name drawn.

Director Laughlin announced the next regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (2) Directors Laughlin, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Director Simmons
Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

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